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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 350340800004  
First Inventor or Application Identifier Paul Metcalfe  
Title Coupling Assembly Having Enhanced Axial Tension Strength  
Express Mail Label No. EL098129185US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
(5 pages)
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11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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